

**STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY
NOTICE TO CONSTRUCT A NEW AIR POLLUTION SOURCE,
ANNOUNCEMENT OF PUBLIC HEARING,
& THIRD TIER PETITION APPROVAL RECOMMENDATION**

The State of Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) has received application to modify an existing air pollution source. Yahoo! Inc. has proposed installation of ten new 2.28 megawatt electrical generators powered by diesel engines at the Yahoo! Data Center located at 1010 Yahoo! Way, Quincy in Grant County. The Yahoo! Data Center had previously been approved to install and operate thirteen 2.28 megawatt electrical generators for a total of 29.64 megawatts of emergency backup electrical power. The current project will add 22.8 megawatts of emergency backup electrical power to the facility. The increase in diesel engine exhaust particulate and nitrogen dioxide from the diesel engines was reviewed under a Third Tier Health Impact Assessment to evaluate health risks posed by the project. After review of the completed Notice of Construction application and other information on file with the agency, Ecology has decided that this project proposal will conform to all requirements as specified in Chapter 173-400 WAC. After review of the completed Third Tier Health Impact Assessment, Ecology concluded that the potential health risks to the community were acceptable and the proposed project will conform to all requirements as specified in Chapter 173-460 WAC. Copies of the Notice of Construction Preliminary Determination, the Third Tier Petition Approval, and supporting application documents are available for public review at Department of Ecology, Eastern Regional Office, 4601 N. Monroe, Spokane, WA 99205-1295, and at the City of Quincy, 104 B Street SW, Quincy, WA 98848. A public hearing has been scheduled to start at 5:30 PM on March 17, 2011 in the upstairs meeting room at the Quincy City Hall located at 104 B Street SW in Quincy. The public hearing will include presentations by Ecology and Yahoo! Inc. on the proposed project, the air quality regulatory requirements, and the results of our analysis. Public comment will be taken starting at 7:00 PM. In addition to public comments taken at the public hearing, the public is invited to comment on this project proposal by submitting written comments no later than March 21, 2011 to Gregory Flibbert at the above Spokane address.